

Scrutiny Committee – Proposal of Subjects for Review

As part of the changes made to the Council's decision making structure, which came into effect on 1 January 2015, the Council has brought back the Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can scrutinise areas for which the Council is responsible. To this end, the Scrutiny Committee is seeking proposals for subjects for review from Elected Members, Community Councils, other local groups, and members of the public.

In devising a programme of work for approval by Council, the Scrutiny Committee is mindful of the need to demonstrate objectivity by using a set of criteria against which individual proposals can be assessed. To this effect there are 2 threshold criteria which must be met -

- Is the scope of the review clear and concise?
- Is the proposed review within the scope of the Council and its objectives?

If the threshold criteria are met, then further points are taken into consideration, relating to the expected outcome of a review, costs, scale, and scope, before a decision is made by the Committee whether to take a review forward. The individual or group which proposed the review will be advised of the decision and if the review is not to proceed, then a reason for this will be given.

In taking forward any review, the Scrutiny Committee will consider any background information and invite individuals to attend meetings to answer questions and provide further information.

Therefore, if you have any subjects you wish the Scrutiny Committee to consider as part of its future review programme, I would be pleased to hear details from you.